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**VIA ECFS**

**NOTICE OF EX PARTE**

July 26, 2016

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services*, WC Docket No. 12-375

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 22, 2016, Melissa Newman and Jeb Benedict (in person) and Tom Dethlefs (by telephone) of CenturyLink met with Nicholas Degani, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Pai. At the meeting, CenturyLink discussed the Fact Sheet released by the Commission summarizing an Order on Reconsideration concerning rate caps for interstate and intrastate inmate calling services to be considered by the Commission at its August 4 meeting.

CenturyLink noted that it recognizes the value of inmate calling in keeping families connected and has supported reasonable reform efforts to benefit consumers. However, it explained that the Fact Sheet's rate cap for prisons remains unrealistic when compared to the demonstrated costs of providing service at some institutions, even without applying commissions required by the state.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed in the appropriate docket.

Sincerely,

/s/ Thomas M. Dethlefs

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Nicholas Degani